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THE COUNTY OF NEW-YORK. BLECTED PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL COMMIT-

THE OVER J. BAYARD BACKUS-PROCEED-

INGS OF THE CONVENTION AT

SCOTTISH RITE HALL. The General Committee of The Republicans of the County of New-York was organized at its erst meeting last evening in Scottish Rite Hall. at Madison-ave, and Twenty-ninth-st., and the following officers of the committee were chosen:

President-General WAGER SWAYNE. Vice-President-WILLIAM HOUSTON First KENYON

Second Vice-President-Dr. E. J. TUCKER. Secretary-SAMUEL G. FRENCH Treasurer-SAMUEL L. PARRISH.

There was a division upon the election of president, forty-five of the 210 voting delegates present naming J. Bayard Backus as their choice, but, when General Swayne had been elected on the call of the roll his election was made unanimous, and when he took the chair he was welcomed with an enthusiasm that showed there had been no personal opposition to him among the men who wanted Mr. Backus for the office. The other officers of the committee were elected without division and by acclamation.

Although 313 delegates to the General Committee were elected, only 210 voted at the meet-According to the constitution of the new organization, it was necessary for the Assembly district organizations to contribute through the delegates toward the expenses of the General Committee \$10 for each delegate, and delegates whose dues remained unpaid at 7 o'clock last evening were prohibited by the constitution from taking part in the meeting. As the names of those delegates were not called at the meeting, although one delegate who was delinquent asked to have his name called, and as only about a dozen delegates failed to respond to their names, it was known that about ninety delegates had not paid their dues.

THE MEETING CALLED TO ORDER.

It was 9 o'clock when W. H. Kenyon, the chairman of the Committee of Fifty-three, called the meeting to order and called for nomination of a temporary chairman. A delegate placed Mr. Kenyon himself in nomination, and he was chosen unanimously. Samuel G. French was chosen temporary secretary. On the adoption of a motion, made by James Yereance, ex-Mayor Strong, who was present, was escorted to the platform. Mr. Kenyon announced that there was a contest in the IId Assembly District, and after a Committee on Contested Seats had been named a recess of ten minutes was taken.

The contest was against Delegates John Farley, J. J. Francis, J. J. Hayes, M. J. McCann and John A. Sullivan.

Dr. Ameen Haddad, Charles Ahsan, Thomas Spencer, Edward De Soco and Thomas F. Harrington were the protestants. They declared that the others had not been fairly elected, and that the chairman had adjourned the nominating convention before the protestants could get their ticket nominated.

General George Moore Smith was chairman of the Committee on Protest, and the committee decided that the delegates returned on the roll were rightfully elected, there being no other delegates voted for at the primary.

The report of the committee was adopted, and then the roll of the General Committee was

GENERAL SWAYNE NOMINATED.

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After months of patient, intelligent and efficient work performed by the officers and members of the respective committees, we come to-night to elect a president. The hour demands that the president of this organization shall be a gentleman who is wise, discreet and well known, and who shall sonduct this organization in such a manner as will accomplish the results which we hope will be realised. (Applause) We are here as Republicans, and because we represent Republican principles we were compelled to withdraw from the so-called Republican organization because it abandoned the principles upon which we then stood and now stand. It must be, therefore, apparent to every one in this organization that the gentleman selected for our president shall be a representative Republican, a man whose integrity is unquestioned and who has no axe to grind or office to seek. The position should certainly seek the man, and not the man the position. In our neighboring district—the XXVIII—we have found a gentleman who combines all these qualifications—a gentleman of the highest standing in this community, a Republican who has stood by his principles in time of war and in time of peace, who has made sacrifices for those principles; that gentleman, to my mind, represents all those principles that we seek to promote. I need not make a very extended speech now, because the hour is late. He speaks for himself eloquently always with the crutches which enable him to stand. (Applause.) That gentleman is not a stranger to this movement. He has given it his time, his thought and his best intellect. As chairman of the Committee on Constitution, he was largely instrumental in drafting the document, and, moreover, he has actively labored to bring about purity in our politics through the medium of a primary bill. We all seek to produce purity in the politics through the medium of a primary bill. We all seek to produce purity in the politics through the medium of

Then, amidst loud cheers, Mr. Yereance nominated General Wager Swayne. Mr. Eagan, of the XXIId District, seconded the nomination, which was also briefly supported by William

James S. Lehmaier proposed the name of J. Bayard Backus. In doing so he paid a graceful tribute to General Swayne and to Mr.

The nomination was seconded, and then Mr. Tebbetts suggested that, as the line between General Swayne and Mr. Backus seemed very distinctly drawn, unity would be obtained by electing General Samuel Thomas as president. The nomination was duly proposed and secended, but General Thomas asked that no one should vote for him, and said that he had given no authority for his name to be brought for-

DIVISION OF THE VOTES.

the result General Swayne received 165 votes and Mr. Backus 45. On the motion of Mr. Lehmaler, the election was made unanimous. Messrs. Yereance and Lehmaler were named by the temporary chairman to escort General Swayne to the chair. As General Swayne asended to the platform he was greeted with loud and prolonged cheering. In acknowledgment of his election he said:

ment of his election he said:

Very humbly I thank you for this mark of confidence, trusting that I may prove to have deserved it. Very heartily I rejoice that the long struggle it. Very heartily I rejoice that the long struggle it. Very heartily I rejoice that the long struggle it. Very heartily I rejoice that the long struggle it. Very heartily I rejoice that the long struggle it. Very heartily I rejoice that the long struggle it. Very heartily I rejoice that the long struggle it gives to give compact body, precise direction and concentrated earnestness to the purpose which underlies this organization has at last taken effect as it has done. And without stopping to go into questions of detail as to matters of belief or disheller, I thus of the said work together and accomplish that belief in righteous administration of public affairs, for the want of which we have suffered and the lack of which we are determined to remove. (Cheers.)

Another article of our faith, so far as I may voke it, shall be that we do not belive that this is a short-lived or ineffective organization, no matter what confronts us. We are kepublicans who believe heartily in those things the history of which is the record of the Republican party, confiding in its integrity and strength of purpose, and determined, God nelping, that in our degree its purposes things which are past we have very much to reside and venty further proof for the good of this great country of our own. With regard to those things which are past we have very much to reside in and very little to regret. Whatever there may be to regret, we will drop that. We are not here for the purpose of revising history, but for the purpose of making history in our degree. I realize keenly what it means to have been invited by you all to be your servant in that task. I shall do what in me lies, but I look with far more hope and confidence to that which you will do. (Loud cheers.)

The delegates were anxious to get through with the rest of the business, and the remaining officers of the General Committee were elected the men named declined to be candidates, with the exception of Dr. Tucker. State Senator Pavey and Assemblyman Laimbeer were invited to the platform and there was a motion to in-

vite Senator Pavey to make an address on the new primary election bill. So much dissent was expressed by delegates who wanted to close the business of the meeting, however, that Mr. Pavey declined to speak.

Then General Swayne put a motion to make the invitation unanimous, and declared the motion carried, and Senator Pavey consented to speak. He said that if the bill was passed or did not pass there would be good work to be accomplished by the organization whose members he was addressing. It was well understood at Albany that the bill had been reported as the best result of the work done, and as the nearest possible approach to an agreemnt as to what the substantial features of the law should be. the substantial features of the law should be. Senator Pavey then proceeded to outline some of the features of the bill, and said that, although there had been a good deal of criticism of the bill, and he himself would like to see some of its details medified, he deemed it a distinct advance in the direction of primary reform, and far beyond anything they dreamed of a year ago. The change of front of some Republicans in supporting the bill was not due to any access of political piety, but to the fact that they had been frightened to death by the municipal election, and feared that if something were not done to bring back the majority of the party which had deserted them, they would lose the Assembly and Senate, with the United States Senator from New-York.

General McCock offered a resolution to the effect that the action of the committee of five appointed some time ago to confer with the

effect that the action of the committee of the appointed some time ago to confer with the judiciary committees of the Assembly and Senate with regard to primary reform be indorsed, and that the members be asked to continue their work in perfecting the bill along the general lines laid down.

This resolution led to an animated discussion, it being questioned whether it was in order, the committee not having regularly reported, and

amittee not having regularly reported, and resolution virtually ordering them to pro-

of his motion, and offered another, simply com-mending the committee's work, but Mr. Leh-maier offered alternative resolutions supporting the present bill as far as the question of enrolment went, but opposing it in other details, not-ably in the arrangements for voting.

Mr. Lehmaier argued for his resolutions in a long speech, and at its close many of those pres-

called "Question." The chairman began to the motion accordingly, but Mr. Lehmaler isted on the right of other speakers to be An exciting scene followed, in which Mr. Leh-

maier declared that he "protested against gag law here"; but eventually the chairman was up-held, and it was decided to lay the two resolu-tions on the table. The meeting then adjourned HUSTED IN THE FIELD. THE FORMER ASSEMBLYMAN WILL UNDERTAKE

THE REORGANIZATION OF THE RE-

PUBLICAN PARTY IN CORTLANDT. The election of the entire Democratic ticket at the charter election in Peekskill on Tuesday has stirred up all the Republicans, and ex-Assemblyman James Husted, who has never meddled with local politics before, has undertaken to reorganize the party in Cortlandt in order that the town may elect a Republican Supervisor on March 29.

Mr. Husted told a Tribune reporter yesterday that he had taken the initial step to reorganize the party in Peekskill on Thursday evening. Heretofore there has been no basis of representation in that town, but at Mr. Husted's suggestion each of the eight districts will henceforth have three delegates, and there will be one delegate-at-large, making twenty-five in all, who shall constitute the Town Committee. In each district the best men will be selected, regardless of faction, and they will be held responsible for their respective districts. The committee met last night and called the primaries for Thursday to elect delegates to the town convention on March 14, when James H. Haight will be nominated for Supervisor. party in Peekskill on Thursday evening. Heretofore

TWENTY-SECOND REGIMENT REVIEWED.

MARKSMEN'S BADGES PRESENTED BY COLONEL JOHN T. CAMP.

A review and presentation of marksmen's badges took place at the 22d Regiment Armory last night. The reviewing officer was Colonel John T. Camp. He was accompanied by Major T. Miller, Captains M. E. Burnton and A. T. Weston and Lieutenants J. M. Smith, George C. Miller and Harry Beneke, all former officers of the regiment. At the close of the drill, as the last command was given and the soldiers stood at parade rest, the band struck up "The Star-Spangled Banner." The men instantly came to "attention," and the audi-

band struck up The Star-Spanies. The presentation of marksmen's badges, which was a feature of the evening's review, was made by Colonel Camp. There were 60 badges given. The expert class had as highest scorer Private C. I. Levine, of Company G; the sharpshooting class had Lieutenant W. S. Conrow, and Company C (officers' class) had Captain H. O. Haubold. In the champion marksmen's class, badges were awarded to Private T. McTiernay (Company A), Lieutenant W. S. Conrow (Company C), Privates H. B. Lewis (Company D), R. L. Asten (Company E) and F. A. Wright (Company F); Corporal J. J. Staler (Company H) R. Hutcheson (Company I), and J. Coman (Company K).

Among those present were Brigadier-General McCoskry Butt, of the First Brigade; Colonel Henry Chauncey, of the 8th Regiment, and Chin En Tlz, the Chinese Consul. There was dancing after the review and presentation.

A CHICAGO THEATRE CHANGES HANDS.

JACOB LITT SECURES A LEASE OF M'VICKER'

Chicago, March 5.—Negotiations were closed to-day by which McVicker's Theatre was leased, for a term of years, to Jacob Litt, of New-York. Mr. Litt will take possession May 1. The interested parties declined to give the figures of the transaction. Since the death of James H. McVicker, who established this theatre nearly forty-one years ago, it has been generally known that the property was on the market. Dozens of ambitions managers was on the market. Dozens of ambitions managers and syndicates have been after it. For five years Mr. Litt has been desirous of controlling the Chicago playhouse. Two years ago he began negotiations for the lease which he closed to-day. The one radical change, to be made in the management is to be a reduction of prices to the scale beginning at \$1. Mr. Litt plans to make McVicker's the principal theatre of a circuit, now partially organized under his management; the other houses now controlled by him being in Milwaukee, St. Paul and Minneapelis, and negotiations are pending for theatres in other cities. L. L. Sharpe, who has been manager of the theatre, will continue as secretary and treasurer.

TRYING TO RESTORE HARMONY.

MR. CROKER IN CONFERENCE WITH REPRESEN-

The Democratic Club was crowded with members The Democratic Club was crowded with members last night, but few of those present were able to meet the person they went to see, as he was busy with matters which he considered of the greatest interest to Tammany, Mr. Croker was doing his utmost to heal the breach between the Democrats of Manhattan and Breoklyn, and accordingly devoted his whole evening to that purpose. He received in his private rooms Bernard J. York and John L. Shea, and for several hours discussed with John L. Shea, and for several hours discussed with them the best plan to settle the political differences between the two boroughs. None of the participants in this conference would give out the result, but it was generally reported at the club that it was in the line of harmony between the two factions of the party.

Besides this discussion of the Brooklyn situation there was an informal talk among the members of the club as to the new Civil Service rules, and the general opinion was that they would give ample opportunity to Tammanylies to obtain office.

Among those who came from a distance to visit the club were Congressmen Sulzer and Bradley, as well as a number of local representatives in the State Senate and Assembly. John L. Shea, and for several hours discussed with

NEW CLUBHOUSE NEARLY COMPLETED. The members of the New-York Athletic Club are looking forward to the time when they can take possession of their new clubhouse, which is almost ready for them. Still there are a few of the veteran members who will leave the old home, in West Fifty-fifth-st., with genuine regret, by reason of the associations. The club has been remarkably prosperous at the present quarters, and there is no

prosperous at the present quarters, and there is no reason why the former good fortune should not follow the members to their handsomer clubhouse nearer the Perk.

The club owes much to its present officials, James Whitely, president; Thomas L. Walson, vice-president; Bartow S. Weeks, captain; John C. Guilck, secretary, and Charles B. Goodhue, treasurer. The membership now numbers about thirty-four hundred, and it is expected that the limit will be reached as soon as the organization has been formally installed in its new home.

At an entertainment given at the club last night it was announced that the club would move into its new home on March 25.

ARCHITECTURAL EXHIBITION CLOSES.

tectural League of New-York closed last night with an enjoyable smoker, at which there were more than two hundred and fifty members and more than two hundred and firty members and guests present. Among those who contributed to the programme were F. S. Miller, William F. Hopper, J. Vierck, J. G. Lamb, H. K. Lovell, T. McGovan, P. Nichols and a Hungerian band. Mr. Lamb was the master of ceremonies. The smoker began at the close of the exhibition.

TWO CONTRASTING PICTURES DRAWN OF COLLEGE LIFE AS IT WAS

RIOTOUSNESS ALLEGED TO HAVE CHARACTER-IZED THE INSTITUTION AT THE END OF THE LAST CENTURY-AS BENJAMIN D. SILLI-MAN FOUND IT IN THE TWENTIES -A MORAL PLACE THEN

Little of the recent comment in religious fournals and other publications on the present standards of morality at Yale has escaped the notice of Benjamin D. Silliman, of Brooklyn, who is known as Yale's oldest graduate in point of the number of years since his graduation. He was graduated in the class of 1834. Mr. Silliman says he rarely visits New-Haven now, and cannot speak of the status of undergraduate social life. Of the past, however, he has many interesting recollections.

Mr. Silliman's attention was called by a Tribune reporter on Thursday evening to a clipping from "The Churchman" regarding morality at Yale in the closing years of the last century. The ab stract said, among other things:

Along back in 1784 Yale College, according to Dr. Lyman Beecher, was in a most ungedly state. The college church was almost extinct. Most of the students were skeptical, and rowdies were plenty. Wines and liquers were kept in many rooms; intemperance profanity, gambling and licentiousness Mr. Silliman expressed great surprise that Dr.

Beecher should be quoted as the author of such information, and declared that if the statements were true there must have been a great transformation in the conditions at Yale between 1784 nd 1820, when he entered college. Mr. Silliman refused to permit the reporter to quote him, but in reply to questions he told of the conditions at New-Haven as he remembered them.

decidedly unlike the state of things portrayed by Dr. Beecher, and just as unlike the pictures now painted by "The Voice" and other temperance and religious publications. The campus was not surrounded by saloons and similar reserts. Drinking and carousing were not common, because every was summarily dealt with in such a manner that there were usually no repetitions of the nisdemeanor. At a little shop near the campus a favorite merchant sold ale with sixpenny pies, but no man lost his standing as a law-abiding and decorous citizen by washing down the pie with the The student's room was not a den of iniquity and mischief, cither because the young men had no iniquitous and mischlevous tastes to gratify because there were too many watchful and alert tutors and professors. No better young men could found in the country than the Yale men of seventy-five years ago. Boisterousness was speedily

Of clubs and societies there were few. When Mr. Silliman was in college the three big societies t the Brothers in Unity, the Linonian and the Calliopean. All of these were distinctively literary, the last-named was made up almost exclusively of Southerners. Religious societies were supported by the stu-

dents, and church attendance was always excellent, largely for the reason, it may be, that church attendance was compulsory Morning prayers were dents had to find their way across the campus to

dents had to find their way across the campus to the chapel by starlight. Evening prayers were also held, and on Sundays church attendance was also compulsory. The president of the college was a clergyman, and the professors, even it not inside ters, were men of profound religious convictions. The solicitude of the professors for the students' welfare did not end when the young men had been sent to chapel twice every weekday and to church on Sundays. This is shown by the existence of a rule saying that no student could go out on the water in a saliboat without the permission of the proper member of the faculty. This rule, like many others, was laid down more to insure the safety of the young student's body than to keep his morals intact. It was fully in keeping with the idea that prevailed then that when parents sent their boys to college the college should assume all responsibility which the parents exercised at home for the youth's physical, mental and moral welfare. The modern variety of football was not known then, or the faculty might have had a heavy account with parents and guardians for bruised bodies and broken bones.

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the faculty might and states for bruised bodies and broken bones.

Comforts of college life were less easily obtained then than now, and there were fewer of them. Most young men of the present generation would consider themselves shamefully treated if they fared no better than their grandfathers did. Board in the college hall was \$1.50 a week, and \$250 was considered an ample allowance for a year's expenses. With few exceptions, the students lived in the dormitories. Some fortunate fellows lived at the homes of relatives in the town, and others who could afford it paid more and had their rooms and board in private families.

If things were as bad in 1784 as Dr. Lyman Beecher said, and if they are as bad now as the temperance papers say, the early years of the century were a decidedly bright spot in Yale's religious calendar, and there is a good opportunity for some philosopher to discover how conditions improved so rapidly between 1784 and 1820, and why

MR. POST GETS THE MEDAL.

THE VICTOR IN THE DUELLING SWORD CONTEST

The handicap contest with duelling swords held at the Fencers' Club, No. 37 West Twenty-second-st., last night, under the auspices of the Amateur Fencers' League of America was won by A. Van Zo Post, of the Fencers' Club, who received the A. F. L. A. gold medal. Mr. Post won the duellingsword championship last year at the championship meet of the Amateur Fencers' League, and in 1895 he won the foil championship. The latter was won last year by G. Kavanagh, of the New-York Athletic Club, who also contested last night. Mr.

Athletic Club, who also contested last night. Mr. Kavanagh was a passenger on the French liner Champagne on her recent notable voyage.

The participants last night were Newbold Morris, A. Van Zo Post, J. Langdon Erving and J. Herbert Claiborne, Fencers' Club: A. Walpole Craigle, International Fencing Club; John Allaire and G. Kavanagh, New-York Athletic Club.

SUMMARY

FOR A REUNION OF CORPS COMMANDERS.

PLANS DISCUSSED AT A DINNER GIVEN BY COLO-

NEL H. H. ADAMS-TO TAKE PLACE ON ONE OF THE DAYS OF THE CHAR-

the guests at the dinner at the Hotel Majestic, given last night by Colonel H. H. Adams, late commander of Lafayette Post, G. A. R., and tressurer and trus-tee of the American Institute of Civics and director of its department of public school instruction in civics and patriotism. At the head of the table sat Colonel Adams, and along its length sat General Miles, General Expert L. Viele, H. Randall Walte, J. Rothschild, Colonel W. Irwin Martin, Major-General W. D. Whipple, Major-General Daniel Butterfield, General Benjamin F. Tracy, General Anson G. McCook, Elias Rothschild, Colonel Kimball, Major-General O. O. Howard, Major-General James Grant Wilson, Justice W. W. Goodrich, Colonel Frederick D. Grant, William D'H. Washington, James W. Tappin, Henry Stanton, Colonel William Cochran, A. A. Alling, Frank Tilford, E. Payson Cone, Major-General Grenville M. Dodge, Major-General Daniel E. Sickles and C. H. Brush. The object of the dinner, as outlined by Colonel

Adams, was as follows: "It has long been the wish of many surviving Generals of the Civil War to assemble all the old corps commanders at one table and on one occasion. Just now, at the close of the century, when are being reviewed past conspicuous events, seemed the most fitting time. It had therefore occurred to the members of the National Council of the American Institute of Civies to take advantage of the celebration of the birth of the greater city by fixing upon one of the dates of that celebration to assemble the surviving Generals of the late war. Following this suggestion a number of commanders had agreed to come together in such a notable reunion, the first since the war, and the dinner to-night was held to discuss plans and to hear addresses from a number of the prominent veterans present.

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There were toasts and other addresses, both before and after the dinner, and much enthusiasm for the project was manifested. semble all the old corps commanders at one table

CHARGES AGAINST JUDGE EWART HEARD,

Washington, March 5.- The sub-committee of the Benate Committee on the Judiciary, which is conducting the investigation into the charges in session to-day examining witnesses who had been summoned at the suggestion of Senator Butler. There are forty-four of these witnesses and the hearing will necessarily be extended into next week. Senator Butler, who is the author of the charges, sat with the committee and asked many questions calculated to elicit information on the points at issue. against Judge H. G. Ewart, of North Carolina, was

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